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Retinal Damage and Method of Reducing Retinal Stress

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## AMENDMENT A

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed June 19, 2002 please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please delete claims Claim 5 - 10, 17, 31 - 33, 37, 41 - 47, and 49, without prejudice.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows.

Please replace claim 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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1. (Amended) An electrode array body comprising:

a flexible body having a generally oval shape in the plane of a retina,

the oval shaped flexible body being adapted to conform to the spherical curvature of the retina of the recipient's eye thus minimizing stress concentration.